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according to claim 40, and isolating desired polypeptide products of the expression of DNA sequences in said vector.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 14, 27-29, 31-34, 36-44 and 46-59 are presently pending in this application. Claims 1-11, 14, 27-29, 31-34 and 36-39 are withdrawn from consideration and claims 40-44 and 46-59 are being prosecuted. By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 14, 27-29, 31-34, 36, 42 and 50-59 have been canceled and claims 40 and 49 have been amended. Both claims have been amended by deleting subparts (c), (d) and (e) and by dividing old subpart (e) into new subparts (c) and (d). In addition, a redundancy has been deleted from claim 49. Thus, no new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

On page 2 of the Official Action of February 19, 1997, the Examiner rejects claims 40-44 and 46-49 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In this rejection, it is the position of the Examiner that subparts (c) and (d) in each of claims 40 and 49 are vague and indefinite.

In an effort to advance the prosecution of this application

and without acceding to the position of the Examiner, Applicants have amended claims 40 and 49 by deleting subparts (c) and (d) from each. In addition, claim 42 has been canceled. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn and that claims 40, 41, 43, 44 and 46-49 be allowed.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112, first paragraph

On pages 3-5 of the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the specification and rejects claims 40-44 and 46-49 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. In this objection/rejection, it is the position of the Examiner that the specification does not provide an enabling disclosure for subparts (c) and (d) in each of claims 40 and 49.

In an effort to advance the prosecution of this application and without acceding to the position of the Examiner, Applicants have amended claims 40 and 49 by deleting subparts (c) and (d) from each. In addition, claim 42 has been canceled. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully requested that this objection/rejection be withdrawn and that claims 40, 41, 43, 44 and 46-49 be allowed.

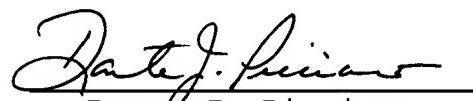
All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly

solicited.

Should any matters remain in this application which might be resolved by interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at (202) 466-6300.

Respectfully submitted,

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